

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: 11

SURVEY NO.: B-3683

AREA: Middle East

MAGI NO.: 043683604

ADDRESS: 2125 Orleans Street  
CURRENT NAME:

BLOCK:	LOT:	LOT SIZE:
HEIGHT: 2		MATERIALS: Brick
CONDITION:		OWNER:
		ADDRESS:
USE: Dwelling		ACCESSIBLE:
DESIGNATION:		LIBER/FOLIO:



HISTORIC NAME:  
DATE: ca. 1880  
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:  
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):

**DESCRIPTION:** 2125 Orleans Street is a two bay, two story brick rowhouse located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Collington (originally Choptank) and Orleans Streets, on the southwest border of the Middle East Planning District in east Baltimore, Maryland. The first floor has been severely altered. The most radical change has been to the window. The original 1 over 1 wood window has been replaced with a 1 over 1, 3 part picture window, with a stone sill and flat arch. The transom above the door has been altered to match the upper lights of the picture window. A stone step and door sill have also been added to the facade, however, these changes are compatible with the character of the streetscape. The second floor fenestrations are intact, but 1 over 1 aluminum windows have replaced the original wood windows. These windows have brick sills and segmental arches with header capstones. The arches appear to have been redone. The building retains its original richly decorated wraparound molded cornice, with decorative elongated brackets, decorative modillions, and frieze cutouts. The cornice extends to the eastern connecting house. The cornice's running board and the decorative wood vents that were located between the cornice proper and the running board have both been removed. There is visible evidence, however, that both elements were at one time present on the dwelling. These features also still exist on the eastern connecting house.

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

AREA: Architecture

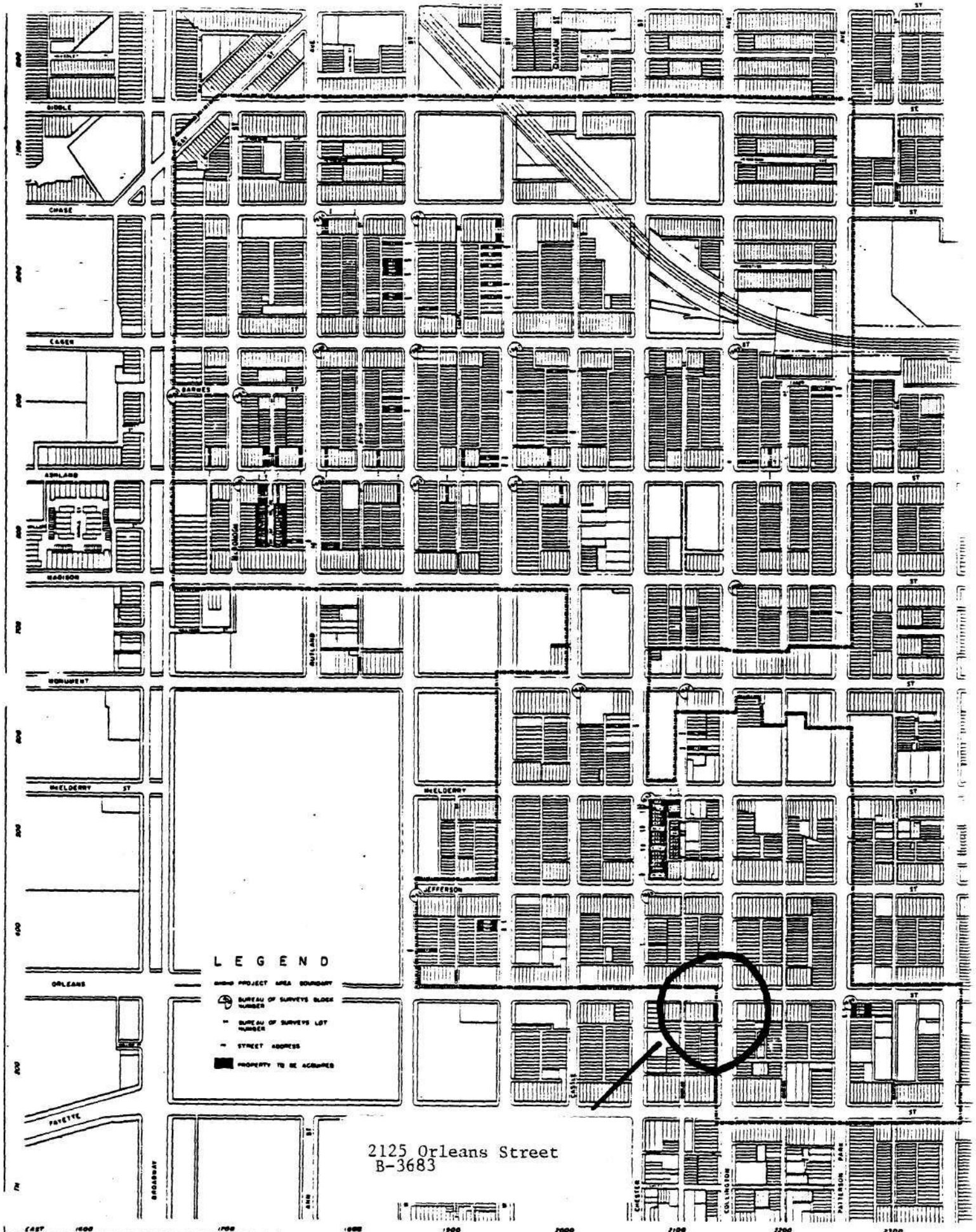
LEVEL: Local

2125 Orleans Street would be considered eligible for the National Register within the context of its neighborhood, a district of undetermined boundaries. Although slightly altered it is still an example of the traditional Baltimore rowhouse form which dominated the city's building pattern into the twentieth century. The 2100 block of Orleans Street was on the eastern edge of urban development at the end of the nineteenth century. The 1869 Sachse Bird's Eye View of Baltimore shows no development at all on the block and very little on the surrounding blocks, although rowhouses are beginning to be built in the vicinity. By 1897 the Bromley Atlas of Baltimore shows that the 2100 block of Orleans Street has been completely built upon, but dense urban development still stopped only four blocks east. 2125 Orleans is located between the Washington Hill Historic District and the area eligible for the East Baltimore/Butchers Hill expansion. Washington Hill developed as the northern expansion of Fells Point, while Butchers Hill was an independent tradesmen's village. The area between the two neighborhoods was settled as they expanded and joined, forming one continuous urban pattern. Unlike the later homogeneous planned suburban communities these earlier unplanned neighborhoods, on the edge of the city, were a mixture of classes, ethnic groups, and, often, races. All living in the same type of

**SOURCES:** dwelling--the rowhouse, although of different sizes and on different streets.

**SURVEYOR AND DATE:** Mary K. Mannix, December 1986

Sources: Bromley Atlas of Baltimore 1896; Landon, Philip J., "Washington Hill A Brief History"; Sachse Bird's Eye View of Baltimore of 1869



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Baltimore (City), Maryland  
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Southeast elevation  
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